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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW OF IDI CANDIDATE FOR AID - MOHAMED HANAFY

REF: STATE 167331

1. FOR AID/W, ATTENTION OPT/PS&CD

2. REFTEL ASKED EMBASSY, IN ABSENCE ANY AID MISSION IN SAUDI ARABIA, TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITH IDI CANDIDATE MOHAMED HANAFY.

3. FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT IS FROM INTERVIEW PANEL CHAIRED BY CONSUL GENERAL WITH EMBASSY B&F OFFICER AND PERSONNEL OFFICER ASSISTING. PARAGRAPHING FOLLOWS REFTEL SUBPARAGRAPHS:

NAME OF CANDIDATE : MOHAMED HANAFY

OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED: FINANCIAL ANALYST (ACCOUNTING).

1. AS NATURALIZED AMERICAN RAISED AND EDUCATED IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY (EGYPT), WITH ADVANCED EDUCATION (MA) IN AMERICA, HE DETERMINED HIMSELF TO COMBINE THESE FACTORS TO FORWARD AMERICA'S AID PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS IN THE

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CIRCUMSTANCES FROM WHICH HE HIMSELF HAD COME.

2. HELPING PEOPLE - HIGH; LIVING OVERSEAS - MEDIUM; ATTAINMENT OF CAREER GOALS - MEDIUM; SERVING HIS ADOPTED COUNTRY - HIGH.

3. CANDIDATE'S ADAPTABILITY SEEMS HIGH, HIS TOLERANCE OF

CULTURAL CHANGE AND DIFFICULT LIVING CONDITIONS HIGH. HE HAS A WARM, OUTGOING, FRIENDLY FRANK PERSONALITY. HE APPEARED POISED AND CONFIDENT DURING INTERVIEW. HE EXHIBITED CONSIDERABLE ENTHUSIASM FOR AMERICAN AID POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND GOALS, AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN AND CONTRIBUTE TO THEM. HE SEEMED BOTH RECEPTIVE TO AND APPRECIATIVE OF HUMOR AND, DISCUSSING A FOREIGN WIFE'S ROLE IN SAUDI ARABIA, A SENSE OF HUMOR OF HIS OWN. HIS ENGLISH (AN LIV MASTER'S AND NINE YEARS IN THE STATES) IS GOOD. HE EXPRESSES HIMSELF WELL AND MAKES HIS POINTS CLEARLY.

4. NO APPARENT LIMITATIONS.

5. A. HIS CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AS CONTROLLER OF MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR JOINT SWISS/SAUDI CONTRACTING VENTURE APPEARS RELEVANT TO POTENTIAL AID WORK. HIS SUBMITTED RECORD CAN BE ASSESSED FOR STRENGTH AND APPLICABILITY.

5.A. AB AND MA IN ACCOUNTANCY. IS CPA UNDER NEW YORK LAW.

6 AND 7. NONE OF THE EXAMINING PANEL THEMSELVES BEING EITHER ACCOUNTANTS OR AID EXPERIENCED CAN JUDGE TECHNICAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. HIS OWN ACCOUNT OF HIS PRESENT JOB, HIS SUCCESSES AND HIS FRUSTATIONS, DO INDICATE A DEDICATED WORKER WHO PLANS WELL AND IS WELL AWARE OF COMPLICATIONS THAT CAN AND DO ARISE IN BOTH JOINT VENTURES AND IN SHARED DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. (DONOR AND RECIPIENT SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDING, PROGRAM, PROGRESS AND END-USE CHECKS).

8. WE CONFIDENTLY ENDORSE THIS CANDIDATE.

4. WE INFORMED CANDIDATE THAT INTERVIEW IMPLIED NO COMMITMENT AND THAT HE COULD EXPECT A DECISION BY MID-AUGUST.

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